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SUMMARY. MAJOR THEMESE OF PRINCIPAL SPEECHES AT SUBJECT CEREMONY SUMMARIZED IN THIS CABLE WERE: NEW WORLD FACTOR OF ACP UNITY, VIEWS OF CONVENTION AS "NEW MODEL OF RELATIONSHIPS" WITH UNIVERSAL APPLICATION BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING STABILIZATION OF EXPORT RECEIPTS (STABEX); NEED (SEEN BY ACP) FOR NEW SHARING OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SO ACP STATES CAN ACHIEVE GREATER ECONOMIC AND TRADE EQUALITY WITH EEC. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF RESUME OF TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF SPEECHES AT SUBJECT CEREMONY (REFTEL). AMPLIFIED RESUME AND TEXTS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR ONWARD TRANSMITTAL
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TO INTERESTED POSTS.

2. FOLLOWING LOME MAJOR'S EFFUSIVE WELCOME, FIVE ACP AND TWO EEC REPRESENTATIVES SPOKE. OF FORMER, MOST IMPORTANT WERE FONMIN RAMPHAL (GUYANA) AND FINANCE AND ECON AFFAIRS MINISTER BABACAR BA (SENEGAL). PM OF FIJI AND PM OF MAURITIUS GAVE SHORT CEREMONIAL SPEECHES, AND PRESIDENT EYADEMA GAVE WIDE-RANGING, PARTLY POLITICAL, DISCOURSE. EEC SPEAKERS WERE ORTOLI, PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION, AND IRISH FONMIN FITZGERALD, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

3. RAMPHAL HAILED EMERGENCE OF ACP UNITY AS FACTOR WHICH GIVES "NEW DIMENSION" TO EFFORTS TO BUILD "INTERDEPENDENT WORLD SOCIETY" AND SAW CONVENTION AS "NEW MODEL OF RELATIONSHIPS... UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" EVERYWHERE.

4. ORTOLI, FOLLOWING FIJI PM MARA, SAW CONVENTION AS "MAJOR TURNING POINT IN HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS." ACP'S ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE THROUGH ONE SPOKESMAN WAS "ELEMENT OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE." EEC HAS PROVED IT CAN FORGE OVERALL POLICY FOR AIDING LDC DEVELOPMENT, NOT JUST FOR ACP-EEC, BUT FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT OF COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATION" WITH ALL LDC'S. CONVENTION WAS EXAMPLE OF NEW WORLD ORDER COMING TO BIRTH "THROUGH COOPERATION, NOT CONFRONTATION."

5. FONMIN FITZGERALD ALSO SAW CONVENTION AS "MODEL FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," WHICH PROVIDES "EXTREMELY FAVORABLE CONDITION" FOR ACP DEVELOPMENT. HE HOPED STABILIZATION OF EXPORT RECEIPTS FUND (STABEX) "WILL BECOME MODEL FOR MUCH WIDER ARRANGEMENTS, EVENTUALLY ON A WORLD SCALE." ATTRIBUTED CEILINGS ON STABEX FINANCE TO FACT "EUROPE CANNOT ALONE BEAR BURDEN OF FLUCTUATIONS IN WORLD PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS."

6. MINFINANCE BABACAR BA HAILED CONVENTION AS "ART OF THE POSSIBLE," BUT SAID ACP WILL PUSH FOR EVEN "BETTER BALANCE" IN RELATIONS WITH ADVANCED COUNTRIES. WHILE SUGAR AGREEMENT, ASSURING PRICES AND SUPPLIES, OPENS WAY "FOR OTHER LONG-TERM COMMODITY AGREEMENTS," WHICH EEC-ACP SHOULD EMBARK UPON IN NEAR FUTURE, AND STABEX "MUST PLACE US BEYOND REACH OF SERIOUS PRICE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND HARVEST FLUCTUATIONS...GENUINE GROWTH WILL BE ACHIEVED NOT ONLY THROUGH INDUSTRIALIZATION, BUT THROUGH EXPORT OF INDUSTRIALIZED PRODUCTS." DEVELOPED STATES MUST MAKE "GRADUAL ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR ECONOMIC STRUCTURES," CONDUCIVE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPETITIVE INDUSTRIES ("ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH WE CAN SECURE COMPARATIVE COSTS WHICH WILL JUSTIFY TRADE FLOWS") IN POORER COUNTRIES. THIS WILL LEAD TO MORE RECIPROCAL TRADE, MORE DURABLE STABILITY IN RELATIONS BETWEEN

RICH AND POOR NATIONS. THIS SHOULD BECOME FOUNDATION OF EUROPE'S LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND EUROPE SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN THIS WITH ACP.

7. MAURITIAN PM RAMGOOLAM, INTER ALIA, MADE PITCH FOR EEC-ACP INITIATIVE TO RELAUNCH INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT.

8. PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S SPEECH RANGED WIDELY WITH REFERENCE TO NEED FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, PALESTIAN NATIONAL TERRITORY, END TO RACISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NOTING ACP-ECF'S TRANSCENDENCE OF LANGUAGE BARRIERS, HE REMINDED AUDIENCE THAT PROJECTED ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) WILL LINK ANGLOPHONE AND FRANCOPHONE STATES. IN CONVENTION'S ABANDONMENT OF REVERSE PREFERENCES, HE SAW VINDICATION OF TOGO'S LONGSTANDING REFUSAL TO GRANT THEM. HAILED STABEX AS "FIRST EXPERIMENTAL MODEL" WHICH CAN BE "PERFECTED" I.E., AMPLIFIED, DURING CONVENTION'S LIFE. HE "PASSED OVER IN SILENCE" SIZE OF EDF AID AGREED UPON, BUT GREETED APPROVINGLY CREATION OF BIPARTITE INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY, TO GIVE LIFE TO CONVENTION.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO EEC CAPITALS, AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS, AND NASSAU, BRIDGETOWN, SUVA, GEORGETOWN, KINGSTON, WELLINGTON AND PORT-OF-SPAIN. RAWLS

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